

ABSTRACT

NATURAL LANGUAGE INPUT METHOD AND APPARATUS

5 A system is disclosed for generating a modified data
structure defining modified grammar rules for the
recognition of a natural language input with pauses in
which grammar rules for recognition of a natural language
are analysed to identify positions in the grammar rules
10 at which pauses can occur in the natural language. A
modified data structure is generated defining the
modified grammar rules in dependence upon the analysis.
The modified data structure is used to improve the
accuracy of recognition of a natural language input with
15 pauses. Where the natural language input is used in
conjunction with a second modality input, the analysis is
performed to identify the positions of pauses in
dependence upon the second modality inputs.

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